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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

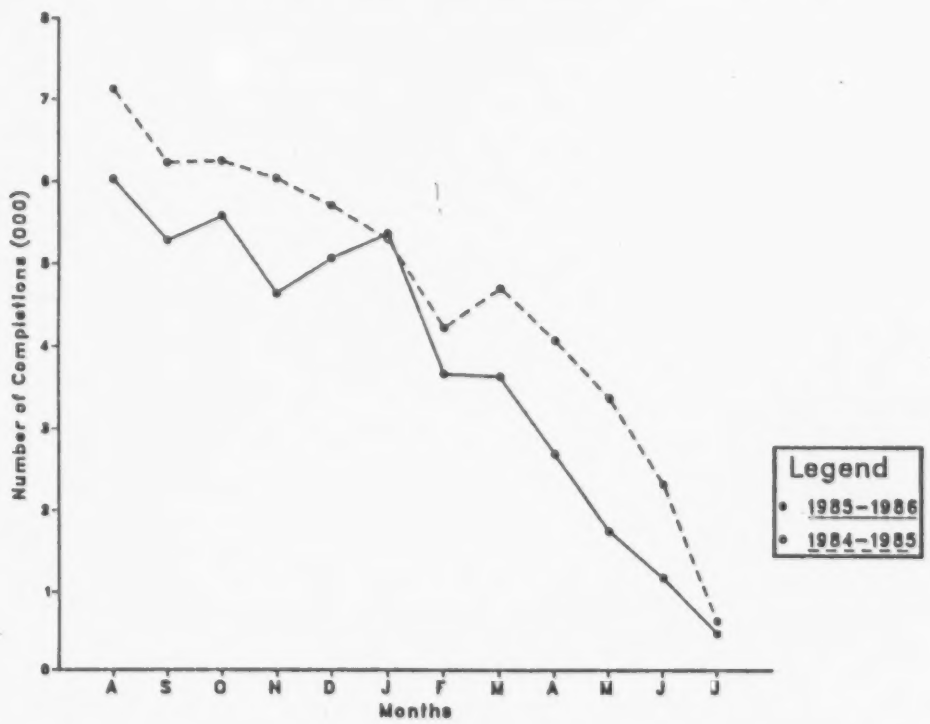

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 25, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	9,844	41,598,559	2,847	17,253,907	6,071	31,667,547	18,762	90,520,013	19,017	91,492,267
1986: JUL	130	575,993	31	184,022	302	1,578,722	463	2,338,737	466	2,351,993
JUN	505	2,247,432	144	934,064	540	2,670,361	1,189	5,851,857	1,203	5,911,681
MAY	816	3,801,273	269	1,688,251	667	3,586,620	1,752	9,076,144	1,791	9,236,661
APR	1,401	6,381,029	440	2,841,298	849	4,308,674	2,690	13,531,001	2,727	13,690,322
MAR	1,994	8,587,894	549	3,479,540	1,092	5,454,670	3,635	17,522,104	3,678	17,663,928
FEB	2,061	8,890,090	569	3,460,893	1,039	5,846,618	3,669	18,197,601	3,723	18,416,183
JAN	2,937	11,114,848	845	4,665,839	1,582	8,221,882	5,364	24,002,569	5,429	24,221,499
TOTAL 1985	34,098	136,182,013	11,873	66,119,798	19,961	99,616,871	65,932	301,918,682	67,467	306,759,609
1985: DEC	2,571	10,534,031	796	4,575,302	1,695	8,790,291	5,062	23,899,624	5,131	24,152,270
NOV	2,400	9,653,547	789	4,568,150	1,448	7,255,253	4,637	21,476,950	4,704	21,736,311
OCT	2,813	11,251,085	1,109	5,744,559	1,659	8,133,812	5,581	25,129,456	5,669	25,441,187
SEP	2,675	10,308,768	990	5,238,678	1,617	7,982,330	5,282	23,529,776	5,364	23,766,683
AUG	3,135	12,123,989	1,052	5,667,342	1,840	8,762,928	6,027	26,554,259	6,114	26,815,521
JUL	2,955	11,046,590	1,035	5,717,236	1,706	8,108,569	5,696	24,872,395	5,847	25,293,053
JUN	2,815	10,940,997	980	5,279,763	1,586	7,506,926	5,381	23,727,686	5,522	24,172,532
MAY	2,747	11,391,040	878	4,940,329	1,597	8,018,200	5,222	24,349,569	5,411	24,924,926
APR	2,872	11,587,550	954	5,577,021	1,666	8,342,447	5,492	25,507,018	5,639	25,910,767
MAR	3,145	12,872,418	1,065	6,116,741	1,762	8,761,623	5,972	27,750,782	6,173	28,285,974
FEB	2,747	11,460,673	1,057	6,065,972	1,471	7,745,278	5,275	25,271,923	5,410	25,722,918
JAN	3,223	13,011,325	1,168	6,628,705	1,914	10,209,214	6,305	29,849,244	6,483	30,537,467
TOTAL 1984	43,130	164,778,371	14,478	79,807,508	24,636	116,979,719	82,244	361,565,598	84,390	367,202,813
1984: DEC	3,532	13,154,538	1,290	6,753,551	2,055	10,400,329	6,877	30,308,418	7,059	30,778,993
NOV	3,672	13,771,834	1,384	7,030,904	1,978	9,672,845	7,034	30,475,583	7,210	30,956,400
OCT	3,685	14,601,405	1,337	7,225,793	2,021	9,549,799	7,043	31,376,997	7,275	32,041,456
SEP	3,597	13,267,839	1,225	6,498,344	2,045	9,401,050	6,867	29,167,233	7,006	29,536,701
AUG	3,815	14,045,825	1,385	7,425,354	2,476	11,101,605	7,676	32,572,784	7,870	33,151,774
JUL	3,855	14,477,309	1,229	6,935,038	2,249	10,143,014	7,333	31,555,361	7,513	32,033,214
JUN	3,823	14,070,320	1,282	6,871,053	2,320	10,411,158	7,425	31,352,531	7,607	31,807,495
MAY	3,660	14,075,210	1,159	6,616,699	1,937	9,385,592	6,756	30,077,501	6,929	30,479,630
APR	3,198	12,046,763	856	5,322,275	1,696	8,378,388	5,750	25,747,426	5,946	26,201,466
MAR	3,362	13,480,045	1,028	6,402,559	1,776	8,867,016	6,166	28,749,620	6,340	29,176,881
FEB	3,377	13,397,130	1,121	6,150,975	1,796	8,808,951	6,294	28,357,056	6,449	28,791,085
JAN	3,554	14,390,153	1,182	6,574,963	2,287	10,859,972	7,023	31,825,088	7,186	32,247,718
TOTAL 1983	37,922	140,196,433	12,576	69,340,235	23,451	102,786,053	73,949	312,322,721	75,951	317,055,097
TOTAL 1982	40,067	152,641,427	17,132	99,067,849	25,739	121,837,849	82,938	373,547,125	85,157	378,825,341

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JULY 25, 1986[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	575	3,629,987	317	2,292,684	2,744	16,277,011	3,636	22,199,682
1986: JUL	14	92,921	6	27,716	137	745,885	157	866,522
JUN	30	199,486	20	128,285	213	1,235,191	263	1,562,962
MAY	57	336,595	31	236,272	328	1,968,474	416	2,541,341
APR	82	578,800	48	414,713	382	2,214,859	512	3,208,372
MAR	101	683,962	64	525,461	492	2,852,942	657	4,062,365
FEB	113	719,196	62	443,155	477	3,057,872	652	4,220,223
JAN	178	1,019,027	86	517,082	715	4,201,788	979	5,737,897
TOTAL 1985	1,741	10,105,624	1,205	8,080,460	8,835	48,814,275	11,781	67,000,359
1985: DEC	141	839,503	77	516,704	829	4,716,532	1,047	6,072,739
NOV	105	626,457	82	597,812	662	3,631,430	849	4,855,699
OCT	142	791,665	83	482,142	751	4,008,855	976	5,282,662
SEP	119	645,269	72	492,108	727	3,915,588	918	5,052,965
AUG	170	1,000,026	95	616,958	803	4,211,048	1,068	5,828,032
JUL	137	791,260	87	566,534	733	3,853,112	957	5,210,906
JUN	127	653,400	111	794,103	669	3,389,148	907	4,836,651
MAY	152	879,805	123	779,966	672	3,752,354	947	5,412,125
APR	128	708,239	111	760,323	710	4,047,823	949	5,516,385
MAR	181	1,088,703	105	681,413	734	4,136,867	1,020	5,906,983
FEB	164	1,026,618	118	830,880	682	4,054,007	964	5,911,505
JAN	175	1,054,679	141	961,517	863	5,097,511	1,179	7,113,707
TOTAL 1984	2,312	12,504,034	1,553	9,786,166	10,958	58,057,968	14,823	80,348,168
1984: DEC	156	797,748	104	580,181	941	5,419,965	1,201	6,797,894
NOV	179	988,586	111	666,224	857	4,733,328	1,147	6,388,138
OCT	159	825,650	139	893,637	944	4,811,965	1,242	6,531,252
SEP	216	1,170,730	128	871,220	890	4,567,259	1,234	6,609,209
AUG	187	998,761	124	806,449	1,063	5,511,443	1,374	7,316,653
JUL	190	989,348	150	982,743	1,051	5,187,261	1,391	7,159,352
JUN	199	1,110,611	134	777,040	1,070	5,312,557	1,403	7,200,208
MAY	213	1,162,696	133	826,856	838	4,581,884	1,184	6,571,436
APR	155	901,620	98	673,472	752	4,070,781	1,005	5,645,873
MAR	216	1,200,913	151	1,032,198	738	4,156,103	1,105	6,389,214
FEB	206	1,163,415	150	889,126	807	4,429,287	1,163	6,481,828
JAN	236	1,193,956	131	787,020	1,007	5,276,135	1,374	7,257,111
TOTAL 1983	2,132	10,622,354	1,617	10,108,608	10,041	48,286,240	13,790	69,017,202
TOTAL 1982	2,485	13,504,484	2,132	14,616,499	11,210	60,247,648	15,827	88,368,631

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING JULY 1986

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	969	4,164,808	383	2,354,327	841	3,862,577	2,193	10,381,712	2,216	10,476,706
1986: JUL	130	575,993	31	184,022	302	1,578,722	463	2,338,737	466	2,351,993
JUN	341	1,629,397	104	711,264	226	1,223,222	671	3,563,883	679	3,598,904
MAY	170	722,602	96	517,287	95	395,222	361	1,635,111	371	1,672,474
APR	106	499,751	54	280,508	72	224,588	232	1,004,847	234	1,014,201
MAR	76	282,251	36	260,101	72	175,438	184	717,790	184	717,790
FEB	58	227,792	27	197,699	38	139,101	123	564,592	123	564,592
JAN	88	227,022	35	203,446	36	126,284	159	556,752	159	556,752
TOTAL 1985	290	651,162	123	724,904	162	484,306	575	1,860,372	615	1,934,650
1985: DEC	48	119,862	14	125,160	29	78,441	91	323,463	92	326,830
NOV	39	111,798	18	107,634	16	68,678	73	288,110	74	289,428
OCT	40	87,656	19	130,441	21	80,510	80	298,607	84	319,046
SEP	21	41,028	14	83,309	16	40,452	51	164,789	51	164,789
AUG	32	71,462	13	76,680	18	40,815	63	188,957	65	196,407
JUL	27	42,262	8	51,803	17	32,747	52	126,812	52	126,812
JUN	17	46,625	6	36,387	14	38,718	37	121,730	44	129,388
MAY	13	26,603	8	36,681	11	31,989	32	95,273	52	119,452
APR	12	32,180	6	31,077	10	45,569	28	108,826	29	110,511
MAR	14	26,742	5	11,016	2	2,977	21	40,735	23	43,062
FEB	12	25,136	9	26,520	4	19,000	25	70,656	25	70,656
JAN	15	19,808	3	8,196	4	4,410	22	32,414	24	38,269
TOTAL 1984	114	264,076	22	103,239	72	156,957	208	524,272	233	569,790
1984: DEC	20	23,536	1	1,349	4	6,582	25	31,467	27	39,542
NOV	16	31,682	3	18,925	4	9,257	23	59,864	33	72,932
OCT	9	21,821	2	2,812	5	9,526	16	34,159	21	48,275
SEP	10	20,385	0	0	9	12,711	19	33,096	20	34,996
AUG	12	27,122	2	3,577	10	27,939	24	58,638	25	59,370
JUL	3	18,823	3	13,351	4	12,471	10	44,645	10	44,645
JUN	14	43,489	3	16,411	12	22,704	29	82,604	29	82,604
MAY	5	22,970	3	10,660	8	15,976	16	49,606	21	54,350
APR	3	10,895	0	0	5	13,498	8	24,393	9	27,276
MAR	1	1,541	3	29,375	6	17,617	10	48,533	10	48,533
FEB	7	10,785	2	6,779	3	1,468	12	19,032	12	19,032
JAN	14	31,027	0	0	2	7,208	16	38,235	16	38,235
TOTAL 1983	26	47,739	11	43,935	53	85,056	90	176,730	94	181,029
YRS PRIOR TO 1983	31	73,701	7	22,139	22	39,776	60	135,616	61	136,419
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,430	5,201,486	546	3,248,544	1,150	4,628,672	3,126	13,078,702	3,219	13,298,594

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of July 25, 1986. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period June 28, 1986 through July 25, 1986. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.